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Dear Jim,

Urlet 6 came this a.m. Hasty response (shoulder still problem). No apologies for not letting me know. Your absence did. Made no problems. Bringuier tape: I suspect the second side of each didn't get dubbed, but I could be wrong. We'll learn when you are here. But I do not recall from it several things to which you refer. Your AF friend, I know some people who are in what has come to be called draft counselling, but they are not near here. Reason for believing Arcacha and LHO didn't know each other in N.O. is that Arcacha left long before LHO arrived...While the personal stuff, as between Marina and Ruth, is irrelevant to the story of the assassination, it is not totally irrelevant and is good to understand and can help overall understanding, as many such things have. Now for your letter to Mitchell:

I think it unlikely you are in a position to appraise or begin to understand how undependable your sources and enclosures are. The idea is a good one but the documentation is deficient and may make it easy to pass off because Mitchell will soon be told what the case is, or whoever will read and respond for him, probably criminal or civil division. Some of these things are new to me, and of them and a few others, if possible, I'd appreciate copies. One is HHI letter.

What Bud now thinks of Nagell I do not know. I have from the first considered him sick and undependable as a source, and it is possible he believes what his mind created. Weak. If you have anything on Underhill that stacks up, it is new to me. I have seen the Ramparts raw material and even they found it deficient. Bolden, regardless of what he was in 1963, seems pretty clearly to be a sick man today. I don't know what your Exhibit 4 is and might like to have it. If it is Lane's statement after he and Alcock saw Bolden, I have it. I have done much work on your Exhibit 5, and some of it will appear in FRAMEUP. b,c,d might interest me. If c is the conversation between Somersett and Milteer, I have it, but probably not d. ...There is nothing credible about Hicks, and the inference that he

did not require institutionalization until after the beating (the nature of which is open to question and the inference given not warranted) is, to the best of my knowledge, without warrant. Were it, using an inmate of an insane asylum as a witness is at best weak. In any event, the story attributed to his seems to me to be rubbish. I have never seen his alleged "confession" and would like to....I had heard but not seen Exhibit 7 and would like to. I have been told other things that could be relevant but I have not been able to substantiate them....Broshears got so bad they had to get him out of N.O., Louis told me, and Louis agreed with my belief that he cannot be believed. His conduct there is incredible. Including what under other circumstances would have been regarded as criminal conduct....Both parts of 9 could be interesting, because I always wondered what, if anything, Garrison did with such leads that gave him, including tape interviews that I followed up and in turn gave him. I regard Turner as not overly-concerned with accuracy and his work as not reflecting 10 yrs. of FBI experience, so I'd be interested in this, and maybe 10....If 11 is what I think it is, the best that can be said for it is that it can't be really substantiated...I take it that 12 refers to the Renfro ~~ays~~ suit. I haven't seen that and he was not investigator for Ray but for Hanes, and Ray appears not to have trusted him and to have wanted his own investigator in several narrow areas...The Charach complaint is persuasive, and I have no doubt about his sincerity, but I know some of those upon whom he depends and I have as

much faith in them as in the survival of a balloon in a pin factory. This is not to say that Charach is wrong, and I'm satisfied the whole story has not been told and I've got a notion of some of what is being hidden, but the Charach thing is not adequate and despite a major effort, Bud could do nothing with it or him. I don't know what his present attitude is for we've had no occasion to discuss it. There is the constant problem of the well-intentioned and the roa/ris....Those samples of Bringuier's propaganda are real sick. No wonder they can't do anything. Sorry I've no more time, and many thanks. See you soon.

Best,